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Early week prices were unchanged to higher for all sizes in all locations. As the week progressed, prices in New York increased on all sizes. Trade sentiment continued firm. Retail demand was moderate to very good while food service demand was noted as mostly moderate. Supplies ranged adequate to tight and remained confidently held. Breaking stock prices were last reported at 83 to 85 cents and increased slightly throughout the week, while check and undergrade prices were steadily higher. Offerings were tight to inadequate for the light to moderate demand. Floor stocks closely balanced to short. Schedules varied. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm. Removal prices for light type fowl ranged unchanged to slightly higher. Demand was moderate to occasionally fairly good with offerings tight to adequate. Removal prices were generally steady at 4 to 7 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices to producers rose 3 cents on all sizes while the balance of prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment continued firm. Retail sales ranged moderate to very good with food service demand continuing mostly moderate. Supplies were barely adequate to adequate. Central States breaking stock prices were too few to report as most breakers work from regular commitments and company owned production. Offerings tight to inadequate for the light to moderate demand. Floor stocks closely balanced to short. Schedules varied. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

### RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE 91-100 95-97

LARGE 91-99 93-96

MEDIUM 81-87 84-86

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,  
Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged, however, all sizes were trending sharply higher. The market tone was very firm. Demand ranged moderate to good, best where featured. Supplies were close to tight and held with increased confidence. Breaking stock offerings were light to very limited for the moderate demand. Spent hens were at least adequate to adequate for processing requirements.

### RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE 99-113 100-105

LARGE 94-108 99-103

MEDIUM 83-96 88-90

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ,  
Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

## COMBINED REGIONAL

Feb 27, 2004

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	98.00	98.00	82.00
SOUTHEAST	98.50	96.50	82.00
MIDWEST	92.00	90.50	77.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	97.50	96.50	82.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	96.52	95.40	81.06

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	03-02-04	02-24-04	03-04-03
Large	74-81	70-77	46-50
Medium	64-68	57-61	31-35

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-MAR 01, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		No		So		5-Area	
		Northeast	Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.4	19.6	9.1	13.0	14.4	66.5
	Change	1.8	3.3	0.8	-1.2	1.9	11%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.7	41.9	11.5	21.3	36.1	136.5
	Change	0.4	-3.5	-0.6	1.6	0.3	-1%
Large	Curr Wk	42.4	98.6	78.1	99.4	108.6	427.1
	Change	-0.4	-21.9	13.1	-4.8	-7.0	-5%
Medium	Curr Wk	15.4	28.9	15.6	18.7	27.7	106.3
	Change	-0.3	-6.1	2.0	1.6	1.4	-1%
Small	Curr Wk	4.0	3.5	1.4	4.1	3.7	16.7
	Change	-0.6	-1.0	0.0	-0.9	1.4	-6%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.7	23.8	10.5	13.2	5.7	56.9
	Change	-0.9	1.4	-1.4	-1.4	-1.1	-5%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	12.0	46.7	16.5	30.4	36.5	142.1
	Change	-2.1	4.9	4.0	2.6	-0.8	7%
Total Percent	Curr Wk	113.6	263.0	142.7	200.1	232.7	952.1
	Change	-2%	-8%	14%	-1%	-2%	-1%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	952.1	-1%	169
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	224.3	-10%	35
Total Shell Egg	1176.4	-3%	204

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 169 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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**Processed Eggs: Weekly Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection****WEEK ENDING 28-FEB-04**

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,203,647	28,684	11,451	6,371	2,852	4,063
PW	1,165,061	27,022	11,468	6,415	2,667	3,977
LY	1,081,456	27,512	9,277	4,894	1,926	4,093
% CHG PW	3	6	0	-1	7	2
% CHG LY	11	4	23	30	48	-1
2004	9,244,644	215,795	90,492	50,404	21,869	32,588
2003	8,971,440	213,864	83,496	46,147	21,061	33,352
% CHG YTD	3	1	8	9	4	-2

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.01	41.96	42.33
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.64	38.54	38.54

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	Feb 21	Feb 28	Feb 21	Feb 28
	Thousand			
AL	29,778	30,416	20,929	21,906
AR	*31,033	30,948	*24,458	24,802
DE	*2,976	3,091	*5,126	4,512
FL	1,363	1,359	*1,956	1,425
GA	*33,334	33,352	*25,969	26,370
KY	*7,034	6,974	*5,642	5,973
LA	3,812	3,831	3,489	3,448
MD	8,846	8,854	*5,302	5,815
MS	19,179	19,061	16,524	16,379
NC	18,610	18,615	14,067	14,229
OK	*6,519	6,461	4,369	4,843
PA	*3,693	3,755	*2,502	2,641
SC	3,767	3,810	4,154	3,795
TX	14,949	15,032	12,211	12,107
VA	6,417	6,520	4,925	4,890
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,379	17,848	*15,019	14,939
<b>19 State Total</b>	<b>*208,689</b>	<b>209,927</b>	<b>*166,642</b>	<b>168,074</b>
Previous Year Total	204,584	206,547	164,469	163,548
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	101	103

\* Revised

**Broiler/Fryer: Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for the marketing during the week ending 10-Apr-04 is estimated at 155.1 million head. This compares to 154.5 million head the previous week and to 154.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 154.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 57.71 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 02/26/04-03/03/04****CURRENT LDS 68.75 FUTURE LDS 58.00 TOTAL LDS 126.75**

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	80.50	96.92	80.50	84.78	95.58	97.18	43.00
GNR BR 1	—	92.57	—	—	—	—	5.75
GL W J	—	—	94.00	95.00	109.00	—	2.00
GL W XL	—	98.29	95.00	97.05	97.45	90.00	40.75
GL W LG	—	99.57	90.00	96.14	94.11	98.80	20.00
GL W MD	82.00	—	83.67	85.67	—	83.33	19.75
GL W SM	—	—	54.00	66.33	67.00	—	.75
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	105.00	112.00	.25
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	105.00	112.43	1.75
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	86.67	88.50	8.50

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 28-Feb-04**

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	27.9	25.2	11	19
BOSTON	3.2	3.8	-16	-6
CHICAGO	61.3	59.3	3	11
DETROIT	46.5	27.2	71	74
KANSAS CITY	4.8	5.0	-4	-2
LOS ANGELES	96.5	98.0	-2	15
NEW ORLEANS	8.0	7.7	4	-43
NEW YORK	31.1	29.4	6	-15
ST. LOUIS	17.9	16.7	7	21
SAN FRANCISCO	19.5	19.8	-2	-15
TOTAL	316.7	292.1	8	11
4 WK MVG AVG	299.2			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 28-Feb-04**

	YOUNG HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	1,744	2,466	34	9	4,253
AVG WT	15.76	36.46	26.75	34.18	27.89
LAST WEEK	1,651	2,507	31	6	4,195
SAME WK YR AGO	1,793	2,619	61	29	4,502
AVG WT	15.72	36.82	24.76	26.29	28.18
TO-DATE/2004	13,468	19,476	280	57	33,281
TO-DATE/2003	13,595	20,793	495	116	34,999

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**

Week ending W/E 28-Feb-04 (Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)						
---YOUNG TURKEYS---			OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	HEAD-	AVG	
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT	
N EAST	804	-6	21.47	(A)	806	21.47
SATL	620	5	29.64	(A)	622	29.64
N CENT	1,982	3	32.43	(A)	1,984	32.43
S CENT	497	1	21.47	(A)	499	21.47
WEST	341	7	22.63	(A)	342	22.63
U.S. TOTAL	4,244 (B)	1	27.89	9	4,253	27.89
TO-DATE						
2004	33,224 (B)			57	33,281	
TO-DATE						
2003	34,883 (B)			116	34,999	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 34,000 for the year 280,000; last year to date 495,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 28-Feb-04

(PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	152,700	1,139	1,252	2,391	471
AVG WT	5.17	3.36	8.00	5.79	6.77
LAST WEEK	152,287	1,291	1,314	2,605	480
SAME WK YR AGO	148,405	1,686	1,296	2,982	425
AVG WT	5.12	3.34	7.86	5.34	6.56
TO-DATE/2004	1,225,994	10,264	10,231	20,495	3,641
TO-DATE/2003	1,199,135	13,604	11,033	24,637	3,399

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 154.6 million head or 2.2 million head less than or 99% of estimated fryers available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 06-Mar-04

	Current Week	Previous Week
	03/06/04	(1) 02/28/04

CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD
BRO-FRY	154,615(2)
LT HENS	1,325
HVY HENS	1,333
TOTAL	157,273

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 06-Mar-04 is 156.2 million head compared to 153.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 154.9 million head or 1.3 million less than estimated available. For week of 13-Mar-04 the estimated available is 157.0 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO****ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JANUARY 24	149.3	157.4	95%	5.24
31	152.7	158.4	96%	5.26
FEBRUARY 7	155.7	159.1	98%	5.22
14	154.4	158.5	97%	5.16
21	154.1	157.7	98%	5.05
28	154.6	156.8	99%	5.17
YEAR TO DATE	1241.0	1255.3	99%	
MARCH 6		156.2		
13		157.0		

**READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS**

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers f.o.b. and Delivered to First Receivers at major market areas week of 3/01/04-03/05/04 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	69.00-72.00	72.16	41	74.74	71
Los Angeles	77.00	77.52	58	79.73	139
New York	75.00-77.00	75.71	24	71.90	59

**COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

	Change from
1-Mar-04	23-Feb-04
75.52	0.43
	23-Feb-04
	75.09
	3-Mar-03
	60.83

NUMBER OF LOADS 594

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS,** FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
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**CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/****8-16 LB HENS**

EASTERN REGION 3/	61-64	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-64	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-64	-	-	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION	60-62	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	59-62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	60-62	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F.

2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting.

5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)**

SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 03/01/04	3,548	169,441	39,330
AM 02/01/04	3,118	141,357	40,964
CHG	430	28084	-1634
PCT CHG	14%	20%	-4%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of January 31, 2003 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on March 1, 2004 are:

FROZEN EGGS	24	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	491	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	511	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

**HEN MARKETS**

**HEAVY TYPE** Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 01-Mar-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
<b>Southeast (1)</b>	6-9.5 CENTS/LB.	8.75-9.25	8.84
<b>Southeast (2)</b>	TFEWR		
<b>South Central(1)</b>	5.75-11.75 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9.25	8.95

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

**LIGHT TYPE** 27-Feb-04 Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

**REMOVAL COST**

	RANGE	MAJORITY
<b>Eastern</b>	0-12	9-11
<b>So. Central</b>	Too Few To Report	
<b>No. Central</b>	4-7	6.25-7

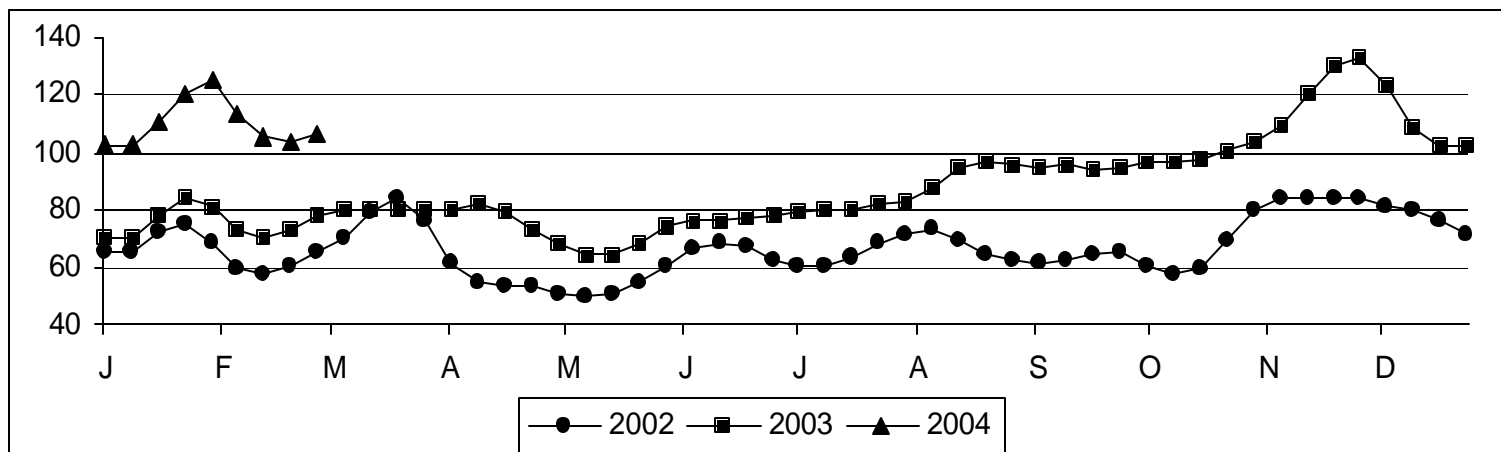
**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT**

W/E 28-Feb-04

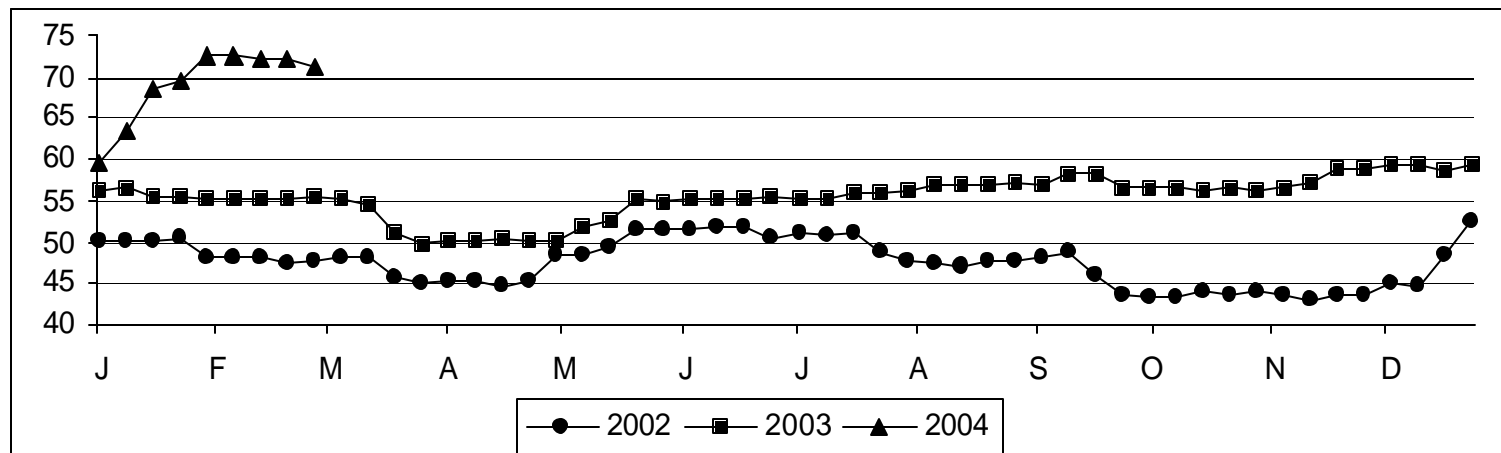
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REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	208.8	-1	-3
E.N. CENTRAL	590.0	8	10
W.N. CENTRAL	296.1	8	6
S. ATLANTIC	180.0	0	1
S. CENTRAL	102.9	1	4
WEST	192.3	-2	4
TOTAL	1570.1	4	5
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		85	85

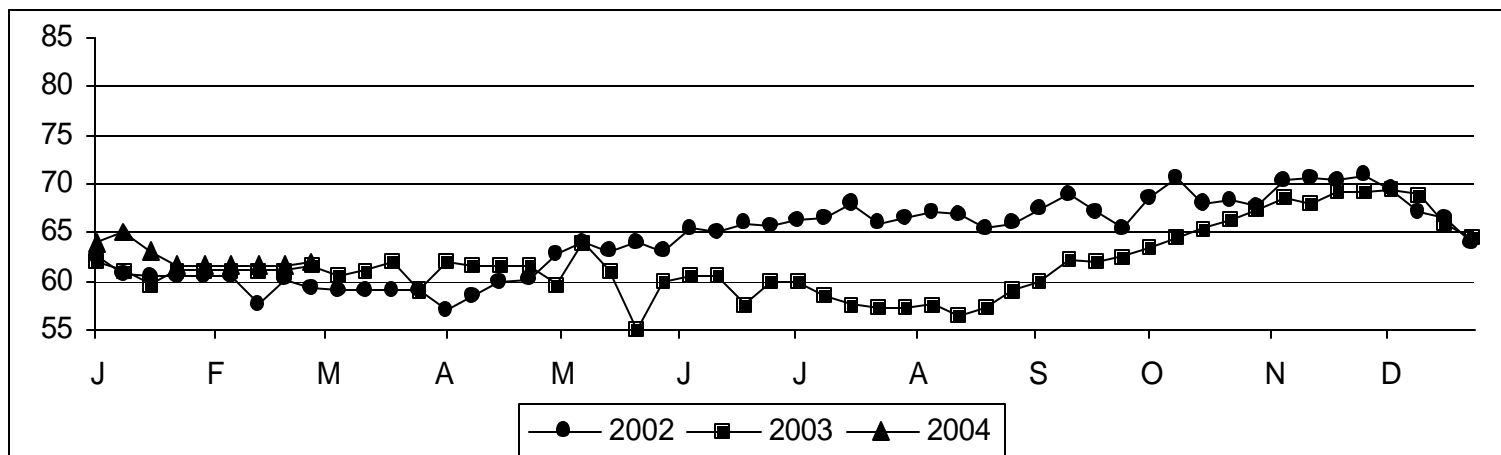
### New York Large Weekly Average Price Cents per Dozen



### Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices Cents per Pound



### Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys Cents per Pound



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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